

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**April 18-19, 2013**

**OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

11. Approval to contract with vendor as recommended by the 2012 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbook in the area of Social Studies 9-12

Awarded Vendor: Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishing  
Hamilton, New Jersey

Scope of Project: The Mississippi Department of Education, through the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, conducted an initial adoption of textbooks in the areas of Math K-2, Math 3-5, Math 6-8, Social Studies 4-8 with the exception of Citizenship-6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Social Studies 9-12 with the exception of World Geography and U.S. History from Post-Reconstruction to Present. Due to a title omission during the initial rating process, an additional textbook has been reviewed in the Social Studies 9-12 instructional category.

The state rating committee reviewed the additional textbook using the same criteria provided during the initial review process.

In accordance with Section 37-43-25 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated and the *2008 Textbook Adoption Handbook Rules and Regulations*, the bidder to whom contracts are awarded will be required to provide the following:

- Three (3) copies of the Official Mississippi Textbook Contract without change, addition or modification.
- A good and sufficient bond executed in triplicate, and payable to the State of Mississippi with a surety thereon. The amount of said bond as fixed by the State Board of Education is \$2,500 plus \$500 per title or grade level. Publishers must execute the sufficient bond by the date specified.
- A stock of textbooks sufficient to meet all reasonable and immediate demands to be held at the School Book Supply Company of Mississippi.

Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018  
Five (5) years (with an option to renew for two (2) additional years)

- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$0
- Method of Award: Call for Bids

Funding Source: No MDE funds involved

Summary of Selection Process: A *call for bids* process was utilized.

Scoring Criteria:

Textbooks/materials were reviewed in the following instructional category:

- Social Studies 9-12

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

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## **SEC. 37-43-25. Retention of specimen copies of textbooks, contracts and bonds, and copies of bids.**

Specimen copies of all textbooks, which have been made the basis of contracts under the provisions of this chapter, clearly marked and identified as such, shall be deposited by the publisher of said books with the State Superintendent of Public Education. Said specimen copies shall be preserved and kept open for inspection by the public.

All contracts and bonds executed under the provisions of this chapter shall be executed in triplicate, one (1) copy for the contractor, one (1) copy to be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, and one (1) copy to be filed in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Education.

An original of each bid, whether accepted or rejected, shall be filed and preserved in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Education for at least five (5) years.

**SOURCES:** Codes, 1942, Sec. 6642; Laws, 1940, ch. 202; 1981, ch. 507, Sec. 14; reenacted, 1983, 1st Ex Sess, ch. 2, Sec. 13; 1984, ch. 404, Sec. 13; 1985, ch. 395, Sec. 13; 1986, ch. 349, Sec. 13; reenacted and amended, 1987, ch. 481, Sec. 7, eff from and after June 30, 1987.

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**SEC. 37-43-1. Purpose of chapter; distribution of textbooks to schools and pupils; definition of "board" and "textbook".**

This chapter is intended to furnish a plan for the adoption, purchase, distribution, care and use of free textbooks to be loaned to the pupils in all elementary and high schools of Mississippi.

The books herein provided by the State Board of Education, which shall be the State Textbook Procurement Commission, shall be distributed and loaned free of cost to the children of the free public schools of the state and of all other schools located in the state, which maintain educational standards equivalent to the standards established by the State Department of Education for the state schools as outlined in the Approval Requirements of the State Board of Education for Nonpublic Schools.

Teachers shall permit all pupils in all grades of any public school to carry to their homes for home study, the free textbooks loaned to them, and any other regular textbooks whether they be free textbooks or not.

For the purposes of this chapter, the term "board" shall mean the State Board of Education.

Textbook shall be defined as any medium or manual of instruction which contains a systematic presentation of the principles of a subject and which constitutes a major instructional vehicle for that subject.

**SOURCES:** Codes, 1942, Secs. 6656, 6658; Laws, 1940, ch. 202; 1942, ch. 152; 1944, ch. 149, Sec. 1; 1981, ch. 507, Sec. 2; reenacted, 1983, 1st Ex Sess, ch. 2, Sec. 1; 1984, ch. 404, Sec. 1; 1985, ch. 395, Sec. 1; 1986, ch. 349, Sec. 1; reenacted and amended, 1987, ch. 481, Sec. 2; 1994, ch. 405, Sec. 1, eff from and after July 1, 1994

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